

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 50% of vacancies/requirements of Management Trainees will be filled on an annual basis from contract engineers working in the Company or who have left the services of the Company on account of completion of contract period/foreclosure of contract and meeting the selection criteria.

(c) and (d) The contract engineers are required to undertake written test/interview for being considered for regular appointment in the Company as their selection as contract engineers was on criteria different from regular recruitment criteria. The rules and regulations for conducting such tests and interviews are under finalisation by the Company.

Production of Different Types of Tea

*390. SHRI BJ. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) what are brand names of different types of tea grown in different States;
- (b) the public/private sector companies which own the tea gardens where these tea are grown;
- (c) the total hectares of land owned by each tea company;
- (d) the total area actually brought under tea cultivation by these companies;
- (e) which of those tea are exported to different countries; and
- (f) the details of the export made during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The Tea Board has registered specific logos namely Darjaling, Assam and Nilgiris for the teas grown in the plantation areas of Darjaling, Assam Valley and Nilgiris respectively. Apart from these, teas are marketed under different names by the respective producers/manufacturers.

(b) to (e) The total number of Public/Private Ltd. companies owning tea gardens in India are 567 in addition to more than 35000 proprietorship/partnership firms including small growers. The total area under cultivation of tea is 4,37,857 hectare. The total grant area and tea area of 15 major Public/Private Ltd. companies which accounts for 28.43% of the total tea area of the country is given below:

Name of the Company	Grant area (in Hec.)	Tea area
Tata Tea Ltd.	50,789	24,875
Goodricke Group Ltd.	15,584	9,495
Assam Company Ltd.	13062	8310
Warren Tea Ltd.	8,776	6577
Eveready Industries	20,422	13,069
George Williamson (Assam) Ltd.	12,816	9529
Bishnauth Tea Co. Ltd.	12,394	7905
Duncan Industries Ltd.	11490	7134
Rossel Industries Ltd.	8,794	4,422
Harrison Malayalam Tea Plantation Ltd.	18,956	6,643
Jayashree Tea Industry	13583	6929
AFT Industries	10207	7233
Andrew Yule & Co.	8,279	5,742
Bombay Burmah Trading C Ltd.	5,888	4,010
Rambahadur Thakur Pvt. Ltd.	3,742	2,175
TOTAL:	216,782	124,048

All types of teas produced by these companies are exported either under the registered logos of Tea Board like Darjaling, Assam or Nilgiris Teas or under their own brand names. Teas are mainly exported to Russia, CIS, U.K., UAE, Poland etc.

(f) Total exports of tea during the last three years:—

Year	Quantity (in Mn. kgs)	Value (in Rs. Crores)
1997-98	221.26	2003.15
1998-99	205.86	2191.86
1999-2000	188.91	1796.36